

SPORTING AND ATHLETIC NEWS

HARBERTSON'S FRIENDS COME TO HIS DEFENSE AS A WRESTLER

Many of Them Witnessed the Championship Match and They Declare "Pet" Brown Repeatedly Fouled the Local Man—J. P. Casey Presents a History of the Contest—Brown Would Have Been Thrown.

On Tuesday night of the present week, Jack Harbertson of Ogden became the legitimate middleweight champion of the world, the title being awarded him in accordance with the rules of the game, by referee Ben Petre, after he had been repeatedly fouled by the former champion, Pet Brown.

Harbertson is a wrestler whose combined strength, endurance and skill in a testimony of clean living and application to his profession rarely approached by others in the game. His many bouts paved the way for a try at the championship against Pet Brown and, after Brown's arrival in Utah for the bout, he was, the Standard has been told, appraised of Harbertson's skill as a legitimate wrestler. The ex-champion then, in the opinion of many Ogden fans who witnessed the bout on Tuesday night, determined to defeat Harbertson with a style of attack which cannot be described as wrestling—which had not been seen in Ogden since Chris Jordan "cooked his own goose" in this section of Utah. He attempted to carry out his determination, but, due to Ben Petre's judgment failed and, as a result, lost his title.

While there is no question that the championship match, with the exception of the 25 minutes in which Harbertson clearly demonstrated his superiority over Brown, on the mat, was the most disgusting exhibition ever staged in the city, there is also little question that Brown was responsible for it.

Harbertson visited the Standard office the morning after the grueling contest, with his face, from chin to the roots of his hair covered with cuts and scratches that were convincing proof of Brown's foul and vicious method of attack. Further evidence of this, in writing, and statements refuting the, as yet, unsupported insinuations of different parties that the championship bout was "fixed" for the Ogden wrestler to win, have also been submitted to the Standard by prominent local citizens who were at the fight.

Harbertson invites the production of proof that he has been a party to any "crooked" wrestling deal in

his career on the mat and in justice to him, the statements referred to are here reproduced:

Carl Allison.

"To Whom It May Concern; and to Jack Harbertson:

"As a spectator at the wrestling match between the above named Jack Harbertson and Pet Brown of Texas, I desire to state that I am of the opinion that Mr. Harbertson has not had a square deal from certain quarters as a result of said match, and in as much as his reputation as a wrestler is partially at stake, I think it no more than fair to state that I have seen him in practically every match of any importance in Ogden and he has always impressed me as fair, clean, conscientious wrestler and one who always gave the fans a good run for their money. I have never seen him resort to unfair or unprofessional conduct in any match witnessed by me, while on the other hand, Mr. Brown, in my opinion was the aggressor in the unfair tactics the other evening, and in my hearing was repeatedly warned by the referee to desist from certain things which were against the rules of clean wrestling. Mr. Brown had a specified guarantee of \$1500, win, lose or draw and in my opinion that was all he was out for. The referee's decision, was, in my opinion, just and all he could do under the circumstances after his repeated warnings to the said Pet Brown.

(Signed) CARL ALLISON.

George Halverson.

"While I am not familiar with the nice points of the wrestling game, in my opinion the referee's decision was absolutely justified. Before the final decision the referee separated the wrestlers at least three different times and warned Brown about gouging with his fingers. It was apparent from where I sat that Brown continually jabbed his fingers in Harbertson's eyes and face, and struck him repeatedly in the nose with his forearm and wrist, causing it to bleed. It appeared to me as though Brown preferred to lose on a foul.

(Signed) GEORGE HALVERSON.

James Pingree.

"I attended the wrestling match between Messrs. Harbertson and Brown at the Alhambra theatre on the night of the 16th.

"I was exceedingly surprised at the action taken by Mr. Brown, and the manner in which he continued his rough tactics most of the time during the match. Instead of wrestling as is usual, he used many tactics of a prize fighter, butting with his head, striking with his elbows and striking with his fists in the face of his opponent and thereby, injuring his face and eyes.

"While I should much like to have seen a finished match, the action of the referee is all that could be expected under the conditions.

(Signed) JAMES PINGREE.

Many Signatures.

"Sporting Editor Ogden Standard:

"Dear Sir:—Reading the unfair write-ups in the Salt Lake papers, including one of our local papers, regard to the Brown-Harbertson wrestling match of May 16th, we as spectators at the match think the referee acted in good faith which he proved by constantly cautioning Brown of his foul tactics of which he was disapproved. And we think the referee's decision to be a fair and just one.

L. D. Olsen with Hemenway & Moser Co., Eccles building, N. V. Edgington, Great Western Supply Co.; Proprietor Princess Milling Co.; Lorin F. Boyle with Boyle Hardware Co."

R. A. Saunders.

"Editor Standard:—As a lover of good clean sports and a booster for the same in our town and state, I feel it my duty to denounce the statement made in the Ogden Examiner in regards to the Brown vs. Harbertson match, as being both false and unfounded. I have been closely connected with the business affairs of Jack Harbertson in the wrestling game, for a number of years and have always known him to be a clean, fair sport and to positively ignore any crooked work.

"As to the referee's decision, I think it was the only justifiable course he could have taken, as the tactics used by Brown were entirely against all rules of wrestling and only resorted to when one desires to loose on a foul rather than to be beaten squarely.

(Signed) "R. A. SAUNDERS."

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CORNELL SPRING DAY REGATTA. Ithaca, N. Y., May 20.—Plans have been completed for the biggest day on the spring athletic calendar at Cornell university, Spring Day, May 27. Judging by the reports coming in here from all parts of the east, thousands of visitors will come to Ithaca for the big regatta, and the Spring Day circus. Special trains from New York, Philadelphia and Chicago have been arranged.

JOE GEDEON, YANK INFIELDER, HAS A COMIC SLIDE; HE'S "BASEBALL FIND"



Joe Gedeon.

Joe Gedeon, the Yanks' new second baseman, is getting a rep in the American league for his remarkable slide. He dives into the base head-first and hooks the bag with one hand, throwing his body as far as possible from the waiting baseman. Occasionally to fool him Gedeon will come into the base in the standard manner. Gedeon's brilliant fielding and hitting make him appear to be a new baseball find.

SALT LAKE GIVEN A WALLOPING VERNON TIGERS WIN GAME 4 TO 2

Portland Beavers Show Comeback Spirit and Give Utes a Beating—Score 9 to 1 for Visitors.

At Salt Lake—Portland 9, Salt Lake 1.
At Los Angeles—Oakland 2, Vernon 4.
At San Francisco—Los Angeles 1, San Francisco 6.

We aren't nearly as foxy as we were twenty-four hours ago. There are certain painful reasons for our change of front. Twenty-four hours ago we had just achieved a coup, or something. We had predicted a pre-dict, and won half the bet. That led us to venture afar, and predict some more. We predicted that Salt Lake would win yesterday's game, 9 to 4.

Never again! The only part of our prediction that went through was the figure 9. But the figure 9 was on the wrong horse. The only time the figure 4 appeared was in the first inning, when Portland made four runs. By the terms of our prediction those four runs were all they were entitled to, but, incomprehensible as it is, they neglected the plain duty of stopping at 4, and went on and on and on until they made 9. Against that Salt Lake made a lonely, lonesome 1.

Score by innings:
Portland—
Runs430 000 200—9
Hits330 011 401—13
Salt Lake—
Runs000 000 010—1
Hits120 100 012—7

CHAMPIONS WIN FROM ANGELS CITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

San Francisco, May 19.—Frank Chance had sufficient excuse for giving the Los Angeles baseball club a good going over after today's game, which the Seals won, 6 to 1. On the defensive their pitchers were wild and the fielders wobbly, three large and glaring errors, two by McLeary and a single mishap for Koerner, counting in the gathering of the San Francisco tallies. And when it came to hits in a pinch, the southerners were equally helpless.

Johnny Couch, who pulled out a winner, gave the enemy every chance in the world. Once there were three of the Angels on the base, no one out and such renowned slammers of the pill as Harry Wolter, Phil Koerner and Jim Galloway at bat, and still nothing was doing.

Galloway slammed the ball over the right field fence for the visitors' only run.

Ryan showed that his shoulder is still far from right. He was battered about for two innings and left the field in the third with a three-run lead against the Angels. Horstman would likely have lasted out the day, but Johnny Kane was requisitioned as a pinch hitter and Lefty Scoggin rounded out the afternoon.

Score by innings:
Los Angeles—
Runs000 010 000—1
Hits102 211 101—9
San Francisco—
Runs120 011 016—6
Hits120 010 026—5

Los Angeles, May 19.—The presence of Eddie Herr, scout for the St. Louis Cardinals, in the grandstand had a baleful influence on Rowdy Elliott's speed marvel, Martin, today and he lost his second game of the season, 4 to 2, and slid the Oaks into last place.

We don't know for sure that Martin knew Herr was in town, but, anyhow, "babes always act up in the presence of company," and Martin, the baby of the league, is no exception.

Twice before he walloped the Tigers and did it in the most approved style, but today he was not right for some reason. He had the benefit of Elliott's catching to help him, as Prexy Baum removed his ban just before the game.

Score by innings:
Runs100 000 001—2
Hits101 210 113—10
Vernon—
Runs000 002 208—4
Hits021 003 108—7

STANDING OF CLUBS

| PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE. | | | |
|-----------------------|------|-------|------|
| | Won. | Lost. | Pct. |
| Vernon | 25 | 17 | .595 |
| San Francisco | 26 | 18 | .591 |
| Los Angeles | 19 | 21 | .475 |
| Salt Lake | 18 | 21 | .462 |
| Portland | 15 | 19 | .441 |
| Oakland | 19 | 26 | .422 |

Yesterday's Games.
Portland 9, Salt Lake 1.
San Francisco 6, Los Angeles 1.
Vernon 4, Oakland 2.

Standing of Series.
Portland 3, Salt Lake 1.
Vernon 3, Oakland 1.
San Francisco 3, Los Angeles 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

| | Won. | Lost. | Pct. |
|--------------|------|-------|------|
| Cleveland | 21 | 10 | .678 |
| Washington | 18 | 11 | .623 |
| New York | 13 | 12 | .514 |
| Boston | 13 | 15 | .471 |
| Detroit | 13 | 16 | .463 |
| Philadelphia | 12 | 16 | .458 |
| Chicago | 12 | 18 | .446 |
| St. Louis | 11 | 18 | .445 |

Yesterday's Games.
Detroit 2, New York 2. (Called end of sixteenth, darkness).
Cleveland 7, Washington 1.
St. Louis 5, Boston 1.
Philadelphia 1, Boston 0. (Eleven innings).

Philadelphia, May 19.—Philadelphia defeated Chicago 1 to 0 in eleven innings today. It was a pitchers' duel from start to finish. Strunk, who received a base on balls at the start of the eleventh inning, went to second on McNish's sacrifice and scored on Pick's single, after LaJoie had purposely been given a base on balls.

With runners on second and first and two out in the eleventh, McNish, who had the record number of twenty put-outs here this season, made a wonderful one-hand catch of Liebold's liner.

Score by innings:
Chicago000 000 000 00—0
Philadelphia000 000 000 1—1

WORLD'S CHAMPIONS ARE BEATEN BY ST. LOUIS
Boston, May 19.—The St. Louis Americans again defeated Boston today, outplaying the Red Sox from start to finish, 5 to 1. Groom held Boston to four hits, three of which were made by Hoblitzell. The visit-

INTERCOLLEGIATE MEET TODAY

Provo Men and Utah University Expected to Take Laurels—Provo Gives Dope Sheet.

Salt Lake, May 20.—Unless the general opinion is wrong, the state intercollegiate track meet which will be held at Cummings field this afternoon should be the best which has taken place in many seasons. There are two reasons for this view—the close contest which is expected between the University of Utah and the B. Y. U. for first place, and the remarkably good marks which are expected in some of the events.

At least three state records will probably be broken if the weather is not too cold. In the meet at Provo last Tuesday, the old record in the high jump was beaten by almost an inch, and the quarter-mile record was bettered by two-fifths of a second in the pole vault. Durham of Provo proved in the Provo meet that he can beat the state record, and he will probably set up a new mark today if he is allowed to compete.

"U" is Favorite.

Though it is the general opinion that the meet will be a close one, the local track fans can see nothing but a victory for the "U." The Crimson defeated both the Aggies and the B. Y. U. men in dual meets, but will undoubtedly have a much harder time when all four colleges come together. In spite of the fact that the "U" cannot be expected to pull down as many points as in the two former meets, it is probably true that the rival institutions would be more surprised than the local students if the Crimson were to lose the meet.

Hard battles are expected in the 100-yard dash, the 220-yard dash, the quarter-mile and the half-mile. In the century Kay, Romney and Hopkins alone would make the race interesting. If Gurr of the B. Y. U. should enter, the race will be all the merrier. He did not compete in the meet last Tuesday.

In the 220-yard dash Voorhees, the Aggie runner, is likely to put up a hard battle. In the first meet he won from the "U" sprinters, and it is thought that he will probably do so again today.

Eyre of Provo and Romney of Utah are both expected to run under the old record. In the state meet last year Romney was defeated, but he won his race last Tuesday at Provo. The B. Y. U. students contend that the victory was not decisive and that their men will pull out ahead today.

PROVO DOPE SHEET

GIVES MEET TO "U."
Provo, May 19.—It is rather risky to attempt to forecast the outcome of a state intercollegiate meet, as, however, scientific the dope may be, the big athletic events generally provide surprises. The meet at Salt Lake tomorrow will probably be no exception to the rule.

In spite of this fact, the following has been advanced by students and other doers in Provo as the probable outcome of the big meet:

100-yard dash—Utah, first; second, B. Y. U. third.
220-yard dash—Agiess, first; Utah, second; B. Y. U., third.

Quarter-mile—Utah, first; B. Y. U., second and third.

Half-mile—Chances for first and second about even between Tolman of the B. Y. C. and Anderson of the Aggies; Utah, third.

Relay—Chances about even between Utah and B. Y. U.

Pole vault—B. Y. U., first; Utah, second and third.

High jump—B. Y. U., first; Utah, second.

Broad jump—B. Y. U., first and second.

Discus—Utah, first and second; Aggie, third.

Shot put—Utah, first and second; Aggies, third.

Hammer throw—B. Y. U., first and second.

Utah, 52 points; B. Y. U., 49 points; Aggies, 14 points; B. Y. C., 10 points.

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